



**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
DISABILITIES**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2011**

**1:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** President Neal, Treasurer Teran, Commissioner Gureckas, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Weller and Commissioner Wright

**Excused:** Vice President Troost, 2nd Vice President James, Commissioner Welt Narro, Commissioner Rubenstein and Commissioner Chang

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of March 16, 2011. (11-0823)

**On motion of Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, seconded by Commissioner Gureckas, this item was approved with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - President Neal, Treasurer Teran, Commissioner Gureckas, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Wright

**Abstentions:** 1 - Commissioner Weller

**Excused:** 5 - Vice President Troost, 2nd Vice President James, Commissioner Welt Narro, Commissioner Rubenstein and Commissioner Chang

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

2. Approval to charge requests for CD copies of the Disability Network Radio Program up to \$10.00 per CD. (11-1447)

**President Neal asked the Commission if \$10 was a reasonable price to charge for a CD. Commissioner Teran suggested \$3.00. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Teran, seconded by Commissioner Miller, having no objection, the Commission agreed to charge \$3 to individuals who are interested in purchasing CD copies of the Disability Network Radio Program.**

3. Appoint Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee members comprised of Commissioners representing each Supervisorial District. (11-1633)

**President Neal appointed the following Commissioners to the Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee:**

**Committee Chair - Vice President John Troost  
First District - Treasurer Alexia Teran  
Second District - Commissioner Kecia Weller  
Fourth District - Commissioner Michael Gureckas  
Fifth District - Commissioner Steve Miller**

**Commissioner Wright would like to clarify if Commissioners are eligible to participate in the nominating committee although a Commissioner is running for office. Commissioner Gureckas stated it would be a conflict of interest. Rhonda Rangel, Commission Staff, confirmed that there is currently nothing in the Commission By-Laws that addresses this issue and the Commission would have to agendize any recommendations to change the By-Laws on a future agenda.**

**After discussion, the Ad-Hoc Committee was confirmed as mentioned.**

**III. REPORTS**

4. President's Report as submitted for the month of April and "Be prepared" for an emergency ([janetsplanetla.blogspot.com](http://janetsplanetla.blogspot.com)) (11-1907)

**President Neal submitted a verbal report which stated the need to be prepared for an emergency. She provided a list of items people need to have at home in case of an emergency. She also mentioned the Commission's agenda, meeting minutes and transcripts of the radio show will be posted on her blog at [Janetsplanet.blogspot.com](http://Janetsplanet.blogspot.com).**

**Commissioner Miller inquired if the County has a mechanism where the information is widely distributed to the people with disabilities in case of an emergency. President Neal stated the County launched the Specific Needs Awareness Planning (S.N.A.P.) voluntary disaster registry. The S.N.A.P. registry is an Internet-based system that will allow residents to provide information to public safety officials about their specific needs during a disaster. However, not every disabled person owns a computer. Commissioner Miller suggested inviting a representative to speak about S.N.A.P. voluntary disaster registry at the next meeting.**

**Daniel Garcia addressed the Commission.**

**After discussion, her verbal report was received and filed.**

5. Events Committee report for the month of April as submitted by President Neal. (11-1205)

**This item was continued to the meeting of May 18, 2011.**

6. Executive Committee Report for the month of April 2011. (11-1910)

**This item was continued to the meeting of May 18, 2011.**

**Attachments:    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)**

7. Quarterly report on expenditures as presented by the Treasurer. (11-1446)

**This item was continued to the meeting of May 18, 2011.**

8. Community Service Committee Report for the month of March 2011. (11-1909)

**This item was continued to the meeting of May 18, 2011.**

9. Transportation Committee Report including discussion of paratransit complaints. (11-1908)

**This item was continued to the meeting of May 18, 2011.**

10. Monthly Access Services Report by Giovanna Gogreve, Operations Analyst of Access Services or a representative from Access Services. (11-1912)

**This item was continued to the meeting of May 18, 2011.**

11. Report by Chip Hazen, ADA Compliance Officer for Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO) or a METRO representative. (Continued from the meetings of January 19, February 16, and March 16, 2011.) (11-0475)

**This item was continued to the meeting of May 18, 2011.**

12. Report on Access Board meeting attended by Kurt Hagen, Commission on Disabilities appointed Access Board representative. (11-1916)

**This item was continued to the meeting of May 18, 2011.**

13. Report by Angela Davis J.D., Acting Senior Deputy, Disability Civil Rights of the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance. (11-1575)

**This item was continued to the meeting of May 18, 2011.**

**IV. PRESENTATIONS****14. Set Time 1:30 p.m.**

Presentation on critical budget cuts affecting the State lead agencies that are providing services to the population of consumers with Intellectual Disabilities as presented by Mike Danneker, Executive Director of Westside Regional Center. (11-1387)

**Mr. Mike Danneker disseminated information regarding budget reductions and presented an overview of the budget cuts affecting the State lead agencies. He mentioned that regional centers may not fund any service available from a generic resource when a family chooses not to access the generic service (IHSS, Medi-Cal, public school, California Children's Services, CHAMPUS). The State temporarily suspended the following services: social/recreation activities, camping services and associated travel expenses, educational services for minor school aged children and non-medical therapies. All regional center Board members must sign a conflict of interest form. Mr. Danneker further mentioned that false information written on the form will result in \$50,000 fine. By July 1, 2011 DDS shall enter into cooperative agreements with health insurance carriers to share information for the rest of these provisions.**

**Mr. John Steinreich highlighted additional information regarding the budget cuts. Robert Coto and Phyllis Coto addressed the Commission.**

**President Neal suggested to continue budget discussion to the meeting of May 18, 2011.**

**Mr. Danneker answered several questions posed by the Commission. After discussion, his verbal report was received and filed.**

**15. Set Time 2:00 p.m.**

Presentation on the impact of State Budget Reductions to Persons with disabilities as presented by Catherine Blakemore, Executive Director, Disability Rights, California. (11-1412)

**Ms. Catherine Blakemore provided an overview of the State budget decisions impacting Californians with disabilities. Department of Developmental Services (DDS): The Governor proposed \$720 million reduction; Legislature reduced to \$527.2 million. The provided rate discount of 4.25% continues. An additional \$174 million in regional center purchase of services is anticipated. The legislature approved the governor's proposal to reduce providers payments by 10 percent for physicians, pharmacy, clinics, medical transportation, home health, certain hospitals, long term care facilities, and nursing facilities. This proposal will require federal approval. In addition, the Legislature approved the governor's proposal to reduce the maximum monthly SSI/SSP grant for individuals from \$845 to \$830, the minimum allowed by federal law, effective June 1, 2011. The grant for couples is already at the minimum level permitted by federal law; therefore, the state cannot cut it further and proposed to eliminate Adult Day Health Care (ADHC). Ms. Blakemore also mentioned that Denti-Cal for adults was eliminated last year.**

**Commissioners stated their concerned about the budget cuts impacting the people with disabilities. Ms. Blakemore recommended the Commission finding ways of getting information and have their voices heard in Sacramento.**

**Ms. Blakemore answered several questions posed by the Commission. After discussion, her verbal report was received and filed.**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS****Matters Not Posted**

- 16. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-1761)**

**Public Comment**

17. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-1705)

**Maria Tan from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) annouced on June 29, 2011, the California Endowment Center will hold a task force forum training for older adults. The training will begin at 8:00 a.m.**

**Phyllis Coto annouced on May 6, 2011 she will be conducting a community outreach at the following colleges: Santa Monica City College and Mount San Antonio College.**

**Daniel Garcia annouced the Community Rehabilitation Services Incorporated is having a Community Forum on April 29, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The forum will be focused on "Empowering Persons with Disabilities to Become more Independent." For more information call (323) 266-0453.**

**Adjournment**

18. Adjournment for the meeting of April 20, 2011. (11-1574)

**The Meeting of April 20, 2011 adjourned at 3:03 p.m.**